BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)				
))	Audit	Referral	#99-01	MUR 5045
Patrick J. Buchanan; Buchanan)				11101110
for President, Inc., and)				
Angela Buchanan, as treasurer)			•	
Matching Funds, Inc., and)				
Scott B. Mackenzie, as)				
President)			•	

CERTIFICATION

- I, Darlene Harris, recording secretary for the Federal Election Commission executive session on July 11, 2000, do hereby certify that the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0 to take the following actions with respect to Audit Referral #99-01:
 - 1. Open a Matter Under Review.
 - 2. Find reason to believe that Patrick J. Buchanan violated 26 U.S.C. § 9035(a) by knowingly incurring expenditures from his personal funds in excess of the \$50,000 limit.
 - 3. Find reason to believe that Matching Funds, Inc., and Scott B. Mackenzie, as President violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a) by making an excessive contribution to Buchanan for President, Inc.
 - 4. Find reason to believe that Buchanan for President, Inc., and Angela Buchanan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f) by knowingly accepting an excessive contribution.

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- 5. Find reason to believe that Buchanan for President, Inc., and Angela Buchanan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(8) by failing to disclose the outstanding debt owed to Matching Funds, Inc.
- 6. Find reason to believe that Buchanan for President, Inc., and Angela Buchanan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(A) by failing to collect and report contributor information.
- 7. Approve the factual and legal analyses, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 26, 2000.
- 8. Approve the appropriate letters, as recommended in the First General Counsel's Report dated June 26, 2000.

Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Sandstrom, Smith, Thomas, and Wold voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

July 13, 2000

Darlene Harris
Acting Deputy Secretary
of the Commission